



## **Media Advisory**

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## **SAFE BOATING COURSES COULD HELP PREVENT TRAGEDY**

The Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Louisville, will present a free spring boating safety refresher seminar for recreational boaters on Monday, April 15. The seminar will educate boaters on safe operating practices on the Ohio River in close proximity to commercial vessel traffic. The Coast Guard Captain of the Port Louisville, Cmdr. William R. Marhoffer, views conflicts between recreational and commercial users of the public waterways as, "the greatest potential for disaster on the Ohio River...the only deaths from marine casualties in the Louisville zone in the past two years have resulted from collisions between recreational and commercial waterway users...these types of safe boating courses could help prevent tragedy. The Coast Guard applauds the Propeller Club for offering this invaluable public service."

This course also provides the basic navigation rules, a knowledge of the dangers of operating near locks and dams, and an awareness of commercial towboat and barge operations. The Inland Towing Industry has provided educational materials that are incorporated into the course.

The seminar will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4417 Upper River Road, Louisville from 7:00 until 9:30 p.m. Space is limited so interested boaters are asked to register by calling Jennifer or Maxine at (502) 774-4441, extension 228, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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